



Speakers and agenda:

- ⇒ Welcome! Grab some food and drink.
Vania “V” Word and Victoria Fox, local young professionals
- ⇒ Introduction to ARPA—What is this? What’s it about?
Rebecca Fleury, Battle Creek City Manager
- ⇒ How we can spend this money—What is allowed? What is prohibited?
Ted Dearing, Battle Creek Assistant City Manager
- ⇒ What does this money mean to the city? What have we lost due to COVID-19?
Linda Morrison, Battle Creek Revenue Services Director
- ⇒ Chat and questions/answers with city team (and throughout the event)
- ⇒ Small groups—smaller Q&A, identify everyone’s city commissioner
- ⇒ Closing—V, Victoria, Rebecca

The federal government’s American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in part, established emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. **The goal of this funding is to support their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the economic impacts.**

The City of Battle Creek will receive just over \$30.5 million total—\$30,545,339. We have received half of this money already (in 2021), and expect to receive the other half in 2022.

U.S. Treasury assigned this money to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease the virus’ spread, and bring the pandemic under control.
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for needed public services, and help keep jobs.
- Support immediate economic support for households and businesses.
- Address overall public health and economic challenges that have contributed to unequitable pandemic impacts on certain populations.

YES

Governments have some flexibility to decide how best to use ARPA dollars to meet their communities' needs. **Those uses must be in the following categories:**

1. Address negative economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Replace revenue lost by local governments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Provide premium pay for essential workers (emergency responders, grocery staff, etc.).
4. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband internet.

NO

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The U.S. Treasury is clear that governments **may not** spend funds to:

1. Reduce taxes or delay tax increases.
2. Make a deposit to a pension fund.

Other ways governments **may not** use APRA funds:

- Funding debt
- Legal settlements or judgments
- Deposits to rainy day funds
- General infrastructure spending, outside of water, sewer, and broadband, or something eligible under the revenue loss provision
- As a non-federal match for other federal funding programs

More information

The City of Battle Creek team wants to follow this process carefully, and make sure we assign this money to projects that help our neighbors, help our community, and make a positive impact after the struggles we all have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, or with questions or funding requests:

- Call our 311 Information Center at 269-966-3311
- Visit battlecreekmi.gov/arpa
- Email us at publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov

If you prefer to fill out a paper funding request form, and don't finish it tonight, you can place it in our City Hall parking lot drop box, mail it back with your utility bill, or mail it separately to:

City of Battle Creek
10 N. Division St., Suite 206
Battle Creek, MI 49014

Thank you for participating in our community!





What I learned today about the City of Battle Creek, American Rescue Plan Act, my city commissioner, and more:

Things I still have **questions** about:

Ideas I **don't** like:

My ideas for my community: